Francis Lagana to marry

Mary Dreedick

Announcement has been made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Mary Dreedick, daughter of Mrs. Jean Dreedick, 1012 Cooper Street, Scranton and the late John Dreedick Sr., to Francis G. Lagana son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy F. Lagana, 23 Farview Street.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Technical High School is employed in the data processing department, Supervisor, at Community Medical Center, Scranton.

The prospective bridegroom, a graduate of Carbondale Area High School and the Lackawanna County Vocational-Technical School, is owner-operator of Lagana's Reconditioning and Service Station.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Baby's named

HOLLY ANN HAZELTON

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Joseph Hazelton, RD 1, Box 1014, Jermyn, are the parents of a daughter born December 24 at St. Joseph's Hospital. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 15½ oz. and has been named Holly Ann. The mother is the former Debra Moran.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Moran, 12 Brennan Ct.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thomas, 211 Church St., Jessup.

The newcomer has two sisters, Chrystal Marie, 5 years old and Amanda Jeanne, 13 months.

Happy birthday

Happy birthday on January 22 to Elaine Yakubik, from Elaine, Angie, and Deana.

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Exchange students need host families

The American Scandinavian Student Exchange (ASSE) is seeking local families to serve as host for 15 Scandinavian, German, Swiss, and British high school students who are part of the ASSE exchange visitor program, according to Cynthia Wright, Eastern Director of ASSE. The non-profit ASSE is affiliated with the Swedish and Finnish Departments of Eduction and is officially designated by the U.S. Information Agency as a Exchange Visitor Program.

The students, 16 and 17 years old, are fluent in English and are carefully selected for the program based on their high school performance, good character, and interest in the ASSE program.

All the students are covered by comprehensive medical and liability insurance and have adequate money for personal needs supplied by their parents. The host family furnishes meals and housing.

Wright indicated that, "A volunteer Area Representative, provided by ASSE, will contact the host family and the guest student on a regular basis to assure the everything is going smoothly."

"Seeing American culture and customs throught he eyes of an exchange student transforms what we consider ordinary into something fresh and exciting," added Wright.

Families interested in serving as hosts for the 1984-85 school year should contact ASSE's local Area Representative: Paula Martini, 628 East Lackawanna Street, Olyphant, PA 18447, 489-7600.

LJC students included on 'Who's Who' list

Forty students from Lackawanna Junior College will be included in the 1984 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges."

Lackawanna's nominating committee and editors of the annual directory have selected the names of the students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

The LJC students are among a group selected from more than 1,500 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Local students named this year from Lackawanna Junior College are: Barbara Chrusciel, 27 Pearl Street; Patricia A. Davis, 12 Richmond Street; Patricia D. Davis, 319 Dundaff Street; Joann Kiagro, 323 McKinley Avenue, Jermyn; and Michele Morcom, 318 McKinley, Jermyn.

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Benjamin Franklin High School Class of 1968 recently held a reunion at the Moxie Club. (MacKrell Photo)

Hospital deductible amount now increased

The Medicare hospital insurance deductible, the amount a Medicare patient is responsible for when he or she first receives hospital inpatient services in a benefit period, will increase to $356 in 1984, Richard Olenchak, Social Security manager in Carbondale, said recently.

The 1983 deductible is $304.

Also scheduled to increase are the per day amounts patients are responsible for after certain lengths of stay in a hospital or skilled nursing facility.

After 60 days of inpatient hospital care in a benefit period in 1984, Medicare will pay for all covered costs except $89 a day. The 1983 figure was $76.

For each reserve day of inpatient care, Medicare will pay for all covered costs except $178. The 1983 figure was $152.

After 20 days of care in a skilled nursing facility, Medicare will pay all covered costs except $44.50 a day. The 1983 figure was $38.

Also scheduled to increase is the basic monthly premium for Medicare medical insurance, the part of Medicare that helps pay for doctors' services and other medical services. The basic 1984 premium will be $14.00 up from the 1983 figure of $12.20. Some people will pay more because the basic premium is increased 10 percent for each year a person could have had this protection but did not.

Finally, the basic premium for hospital insurance, paid by people who do not otherwise qualify for this protection, will rise to $155 for 1984, up from the 1983 figure of $113.

More information about Medicare or about Social Security can be obtained at the Carbondale Social Security office, located at 15 S. Main Street. The telephone number is 282-6900.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to Christopher Newberry who will be three years old on January 16, from his Mom and Dad

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2 eggs
½ cup sugar
3 tablespoons lemon juice
1 cup non-dairy whipped topping

In medium bowl combine SHREDDED WHEAT TOASTED WHEAT & RAISINS, PLANTERS Walnuts and brown sugar; stir in melted margarine. Press firmly on bottom and sides of greased 9-inch pie plate. Bake at 350°F. for 10 minutes. Place on rack to cool.

In medium bowl, using electric mixer at medium speed, beat cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each. Blend in sugar and lemon juice; pour into cooled pie shell. Bake at 350°F. for 15 to 20 minutes until nearly firm. Place on rack to cool. Chill several hours or overnight. Spread with whipped topping to serve.

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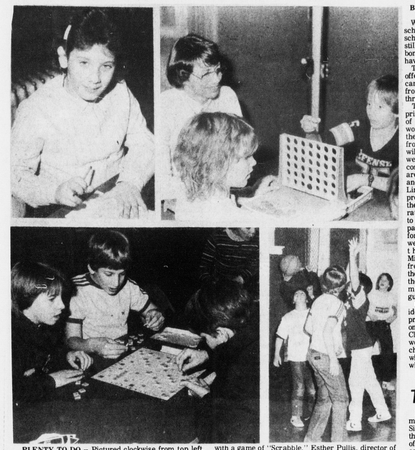
YMCA offers alternative for kids returning to empty homes after school



PLENTY TO DO – Pictured clockwise from top left, children enjoy drawing, playing mind-challenging games like "Connect Four," physical activity in the gymnasium, and improving spelling and vocabulary with a game of "Scrabble." Esther Pullis, director of the after-school program, is pictured in top right picture. (NEWS Photos by Mike Petrovsky)

By MIKE PETROVSKY

Where do elementary school children go after school if their parents are still working? The Carbondale YMCA may soon have an answer.

The YMCA is planning to offer an afterschool day care program for children from grades kindergarten through six.

The program is designed primarily for the children of working parents who would not be there when their children come home from school. The program will be offered five days a week from 2:30 to 5:30 at a cost of $25 for parents who are members of the YMCA and $45 for non-members. Linda Dean, the YMCA program director said that the tuition could be prorated for parents who wish to have their children participate in the program for less than five days a week. Dean also said that the Carbondale Ministerium, clergymen from various churches in the city, have agreed to pay the tuition for parents who meet low income guidelines.

Dean said she got the idea for the afterschool program from a similar one recently started in Clarks Summit. She also wonders what happens to children in Carbondale when they get home from school. "Are they being taken care of by relatives, neighbors, babysitters, or are they 'latch key kids.' (Children whose parents give them a key to the house and afterschool they wait unattended until the parents come home). Dean said that the latch key system is fine for older children but it could be dangerous to let elementary school age children home alone.

Dean pointed out that if their parents are paying for a babysitter or are having neighbors or relatives take care of their children the YMCA could offer their children more than any private home can.

Mrs. Esther Pullis, a former teacher who has also been employed at children's daycare centers in other states – adding up to 15 years of experience with children, is the director of the afterschool program. Mrs. Pullis is the wife of Berean Baptist Church pastor, Dr. Claude Pullis. She explained that the program begins when the children arrive from school with a homework and play session which would last until 4:30. During this time the children will have the option of doing their homework, playing in the gym, or playing table games specially chosen to develop their thinking ability and hand - eye coordination. At 4:30 the children will be permitted to use the YMCA's indoor pool where there will be a certified lifeguard present.

Mrs. Pullis said the children will be given constant supervision and no child will be allowed to go home without permission from their parents. Both Linda Dean and Mrs. Pullis are also trained in basic first aid.

Dean said there are currently four children enrolled in the program, however, they are on a waiting list because the YMCA needs at least eight enrollments to begin the program.

Dean spoke to the PTAs of Roosevelt, Fell, St. Rose and Mt. Carmel elementary schools and has sent letters to the parents of the children attending those schools informing them of the program. She has suggested to the Carbondale Area School District the possibility of starting a school bus stop at the YMCA so children would not have to walk. The district said they would consider it.

Dean told the NEWS what some parents are doing now is enrolling their children in classes at the YMCA which meet after school such as arts and crafts, basketball, gymnastics, swimming and cheerleading. But these classes only last for 45 minutes and since parents have to pay for each class individually it would be cheaper for them to enroll their child in the afterschool daycare program. However, if there is an afterschool class a parent may feel his child is interested in it would be no trouble according to Dean for the child to attend the class and then go back to the daycare program, but the parent would still have to pay for that class.

"We offer approximately three hours of care and are cheaper than most babysitters," Dean said.

Tax office now open

David M. Koruszko, manager of H&R Block, 16 Sixth Ave., has announced the staffing of its upvally office for the 1984 tax season. In addition to himself, Mrs. Koruszko will be aided by Jack Walsh and Ann Marie Bilotta.

Mr. Koruszko is a graduate of the University of Scranton and has been admitted into the special enrollment to practice before the Internal Revenue Service after having passed the prestigious treasury exam, a concentrated examination dealing with all tax subjects from individual to business, partnership, and corporate problems. This will be Mr. Koruszko's fourth year as manager of the Carbondale office after having worked in several Scranton offices.

Mr. Walsh, of Carbondale, has dedicated eleven years to tax preparation after having retired from the U.S. Postal Service. Miss Bilotta, of Fell Twp., is a graduate of Bloomsburg University and is an accountant for Emery Air Freight Corp.

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PennDOT outlines snow plowing policy for state highways

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Snow plowing policies and procedures, increasingly applicable with the onset of winter weather, recently were detailed by Thomas J. Collins Jr., PennDot district engineer for northeastern Pennsylvania in a wide-ranging talk.

"Our system, basically, is one of priority assignments," Collins said. "We start with the interstates and limited access routes and finish with locally functional secondary routes."

He said that the higher-priority routes, "for obvious reasons," are assigned more snow removal equipment per mile than the secondary roads, in some cases – particularly the interstates – receiving twice the coverage of the secondary roads.

Collins added that the weather "quite naturally" controls the level of service when temperatures hover in the 25-30 degree range. Salt, used straight or mixed with antiskid materials, is then used to make snow removal easier and cut down on the time needed to handle a storm.

"As the temperatures drop, however, salt percentage is reduced because its effectiveness decreases with colder temperatures. Our cleanup time is thereby increased."

Another factor affecting the level of service, according to Collins, is the time of the storm's arrival. "A recent storm which arrived near the evening rush hour, for example, proved especially troublesome because of the volume of traffic."

He also said that dual shifts are utilized by the maintenance forces of each of the six counties during January and February, extending the operating time on the job from 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. on any given day.

Currently PennDOT policy allows for buildups of up to five inches of snow on secondary routes, Collins explained. "We try to maintain all roads in a passable condition during a storm, but if conditions are severe enough, equipment may sometimes be reallocated to the higher priority routes until the emergency ends."

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